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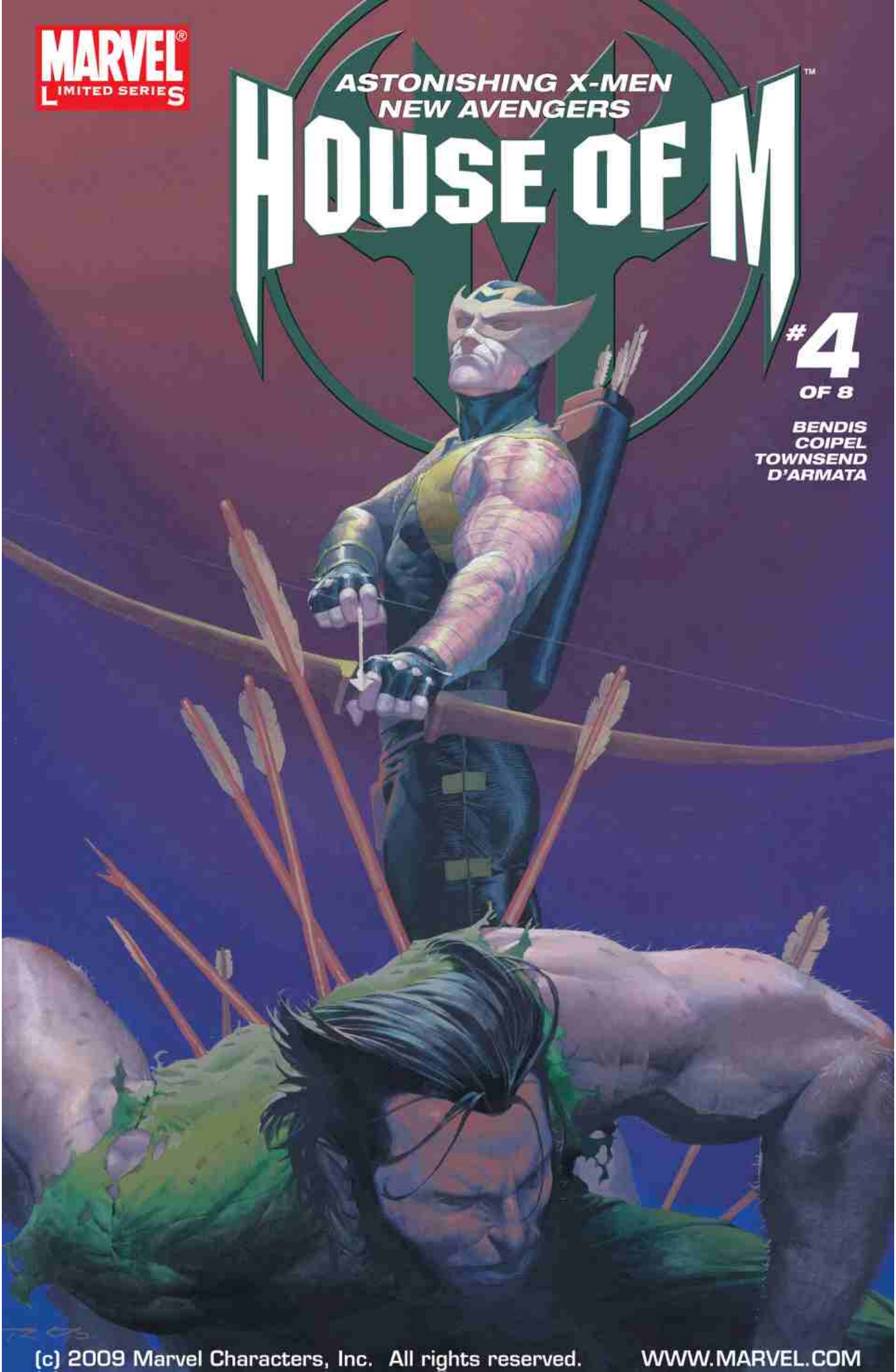

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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

When Wolverine awakens, he discovers that reality as he knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Psychic therapist Emma Frost and Scott Summers live happily in Connecticut.

New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage. Danny Rand (a.k.a. Iron Fist), Misty Knight, Marc Spector (a.k.a. Moon Knight), Angela Del Toro (a.k.a. White Tiger), Felicia Hardy (a.k.a. Black Cat), and the Sons of the Tiger form the nucleus of the Human Resistance Movement.

Wolverine himself is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique.

Wolverine is the only person who remembers the way the world used to be. He escapes from the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, their flying mobile base, and tries to piece together what has happened. The rest of the Red Guard are sent after him and almost overwhelm him, but at the last moment, Logan is kidnapped by Cloak of Luke Cage's underground resistance...

...and finds himself held at arrow-point by the long-dead Avenger Hawkeye.

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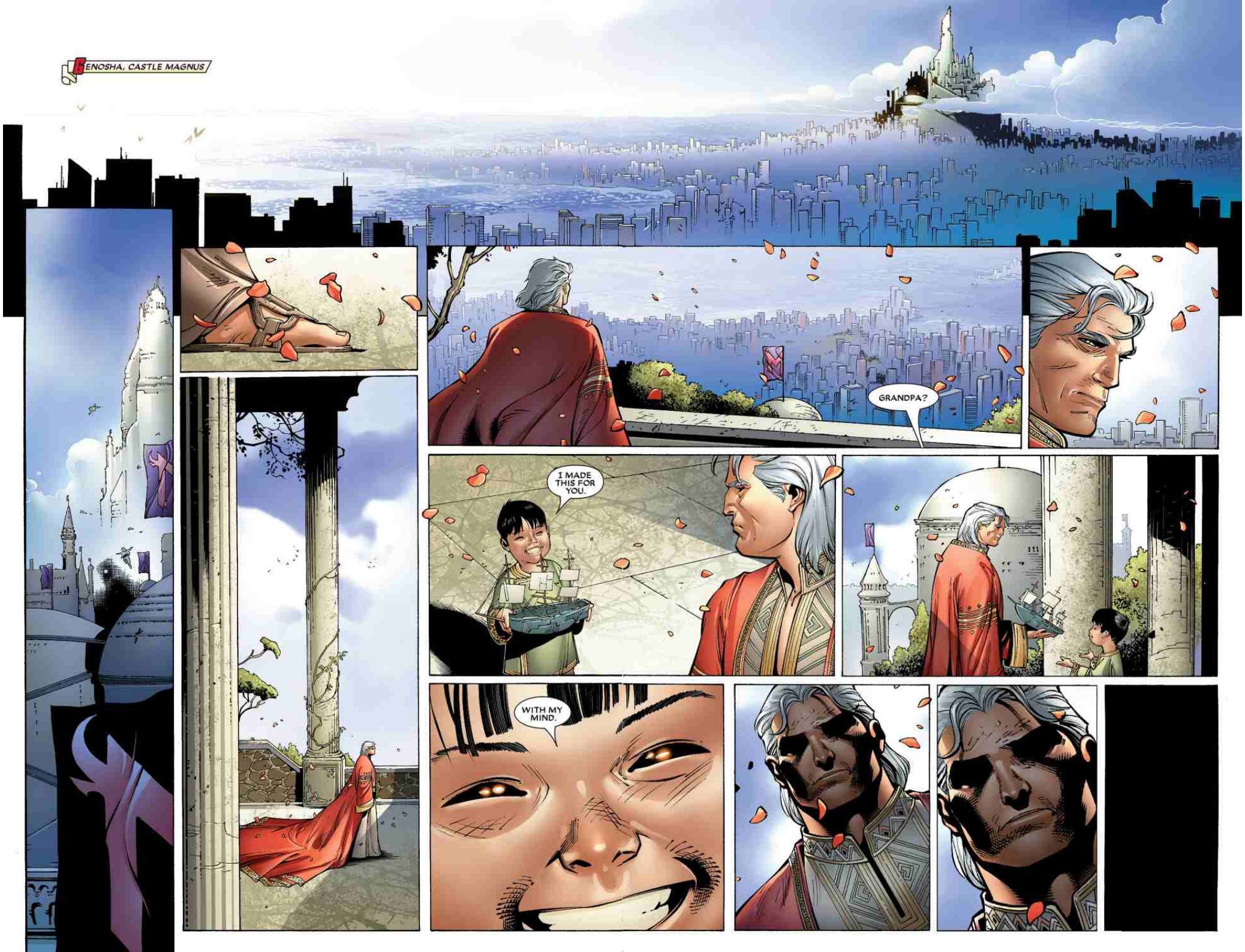
GENOSHA, CASTLE MAGNUS
GRANDPA?
I MADE THIS FOR YOU.
WITH MY MIND.

HELL'S KITCHEN, NEW YORK CITY
DO WHAT THE MAN SAID! WE KNOW YOU'RE S.H.I.E.L.D.!! YOU'RE SHAW'S RED GUARD ARMY!!
YOU CALLED ME CAGE. HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
THERE'S A TRACKER DEVICE IN THE BACK OF YOUR NECK, TELLS THE EYE IN THE SKY WHERE YOU ARE.
PULL IT OUT OR I DO IT FOR YOU.
CAGE, I NEED YOU TO CALM EVERYONE DOWN SO I CAN--
FINE.
CHUNK
FUMP
BARTON!!
I'M DONE TAKING CHANCES WITH THESE MUTANTS. WE NEED TO--
WHAT DID I SAY?? YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE HIM...
...A CHANCE.

HAWKEYE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? DO YOU?
DO YOU?
WE NEED TO--
I THOUGHT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES--
CLINT, THERE'S A KID HERE!!
THAT TRACKER WAS GOING TO BRING THE RED ARMY RIGHT UP OUR--
UH, GUYS?
GUYS, I THINK HE'S GETTING--
THERE'S A LOT RIDING ON--
I KNOW. AND I'M DONE TAKING CHANCES ON--!!
HE'S AWAKE.

RRRRHOW LONG WAS I OUT?
HOW THE HELL ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
HOW LONG??!!
TH-THIRTY SECONDS. ISH.
TOO LATE.
TOO LATE FOR WHAT?
IF YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME, YOU SHOULD HAVE YANKED THE TRACKER AT THE BACK OF MY NECK OUT BEFORE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE.
BUT YOU'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR HALF A--

SAPIEN TARGETS IDENTIFIED.
SAPIEN TARGETS LOCATION STATUS UNKNOWN.
COMMAND FOLLOW THROUGH NOT APPLIED.
SSHHAZZAAAZAABOOM
SAPIEN TARGETS LOCKED.
ACTION INITIATED.
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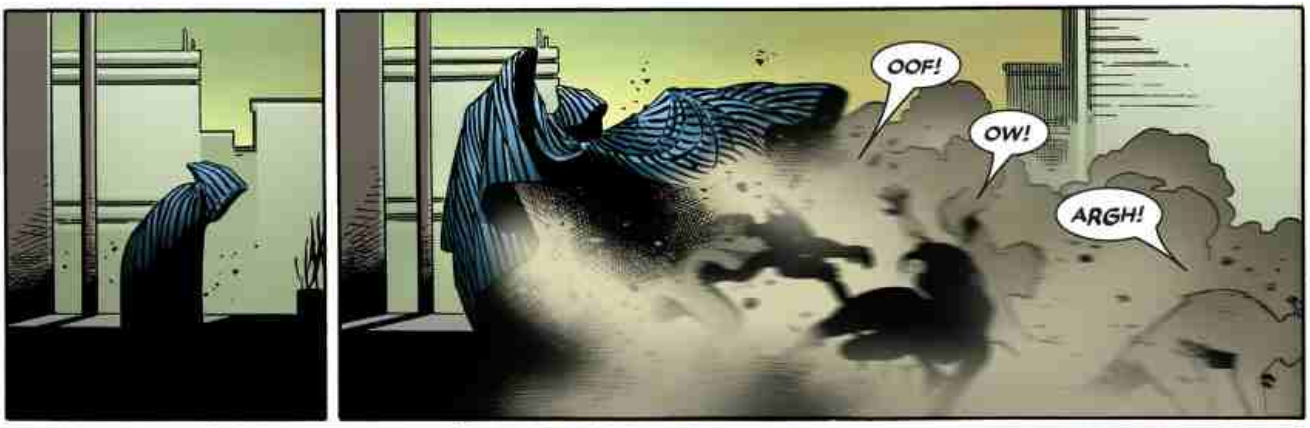
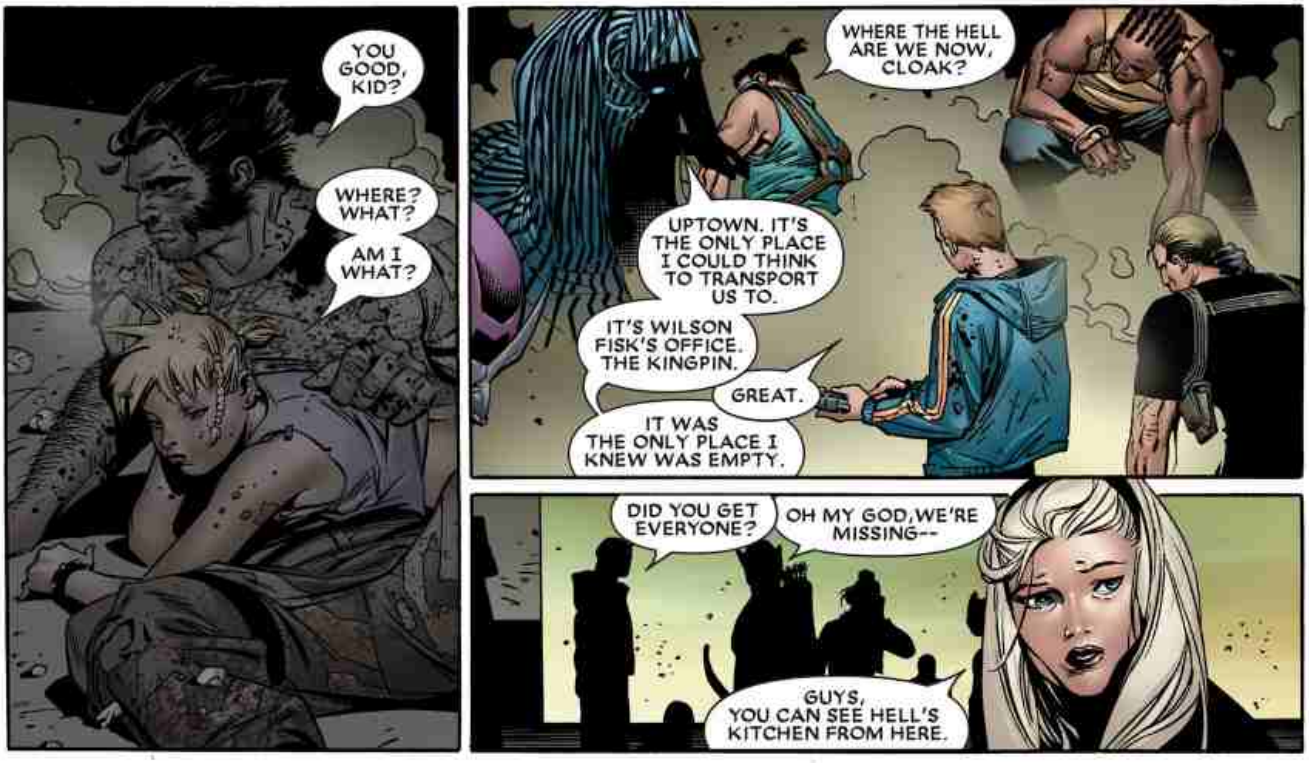
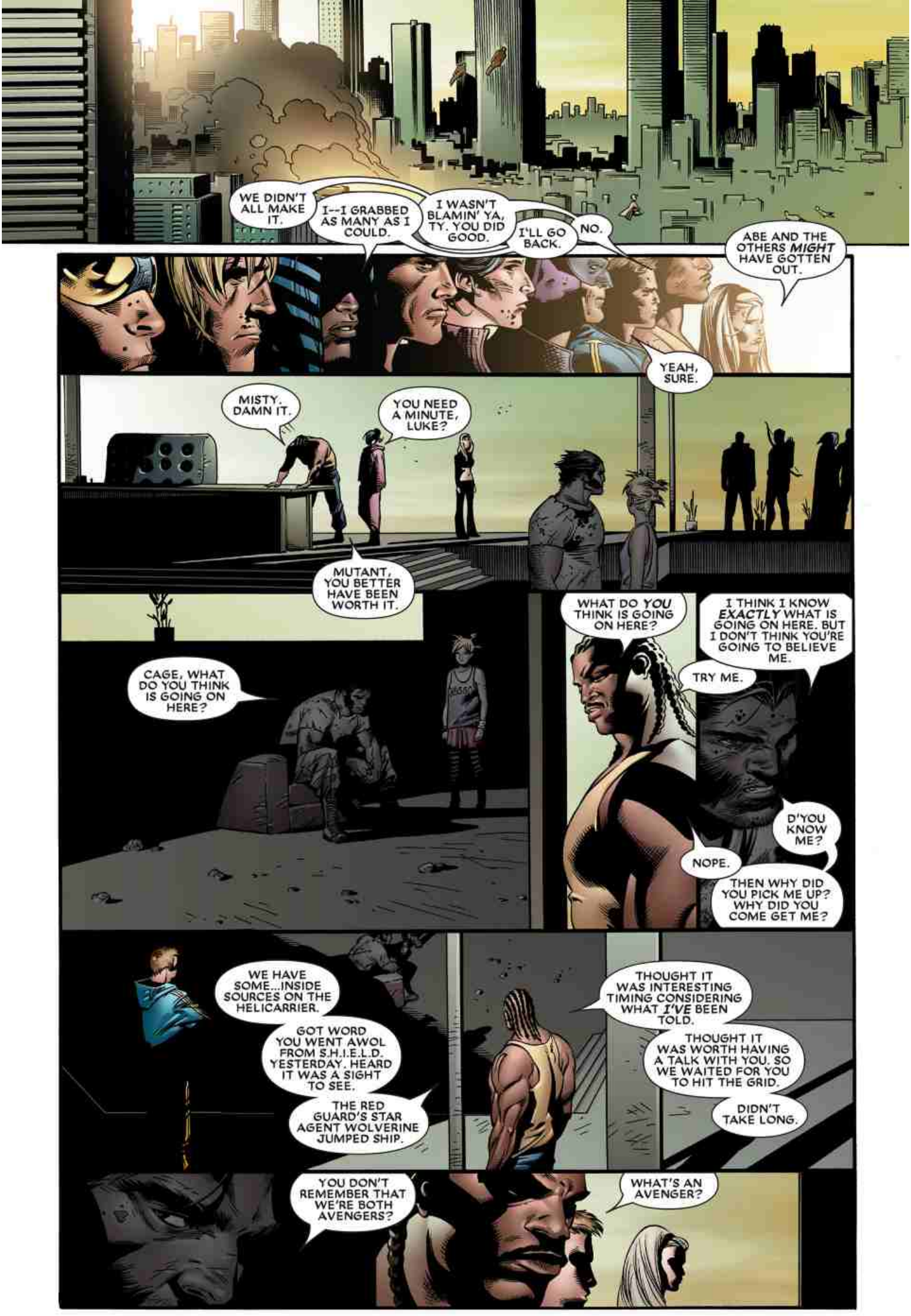
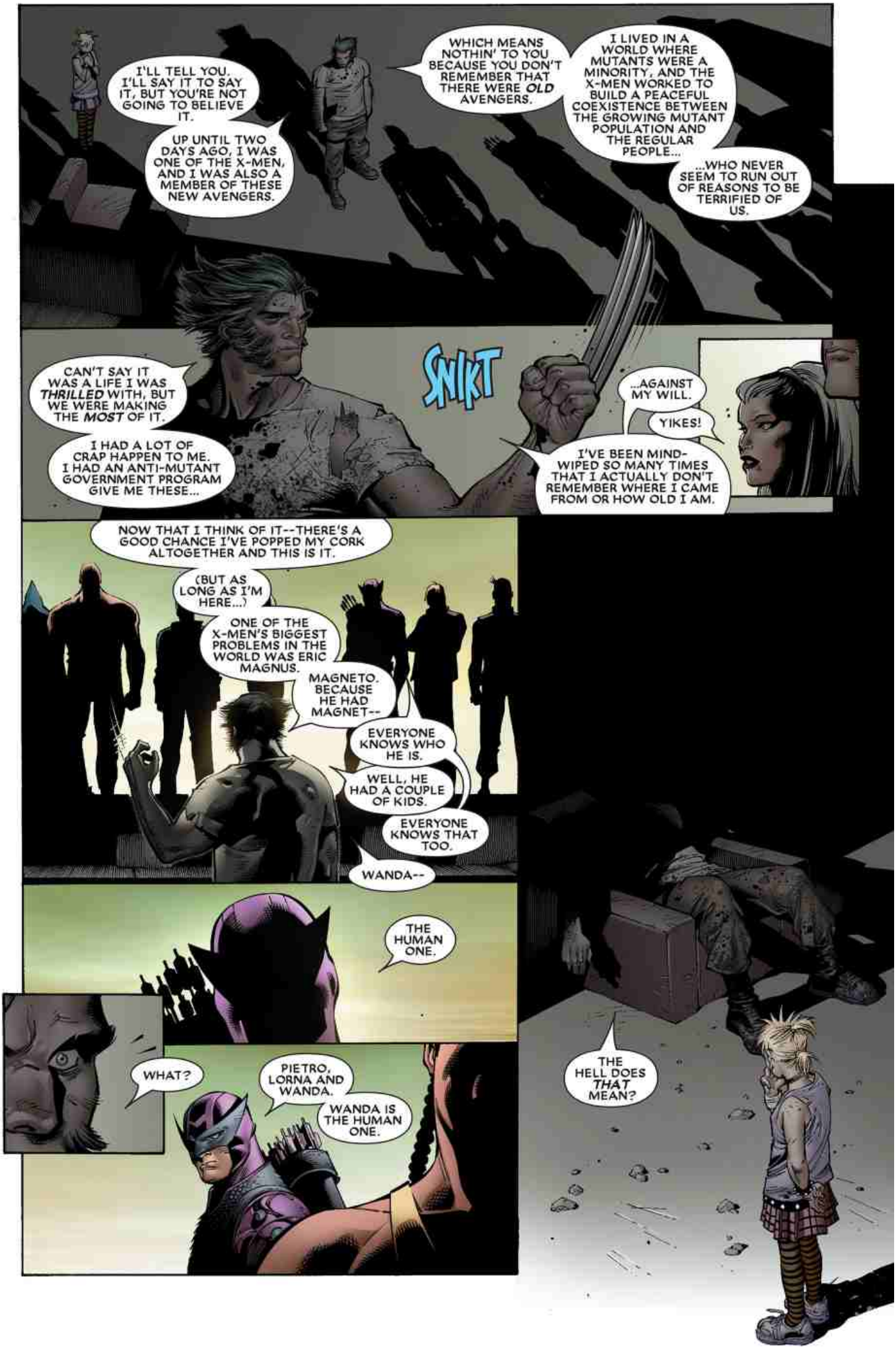

OOF!
OW!
ARGH!


YOU GOOD, KID?
WHERE? WHAT?
AM I WHAT?
WHERE THE HELL ARE WE NOW, CLOAK?
UPTOWN. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE I COULD THINK TO TRANSPORT US TO.
IT'S WILSON FISK'S OFFICE. THE KINGPIN.
GREAT.
IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE I KNEW WAS EMPTY.
DID YOU GET EVERYONE?
OH MY GOD, WE'RE MISSING--
GUYS, YOU CAN SEE HELL'S KITCHEN FROM HERE.

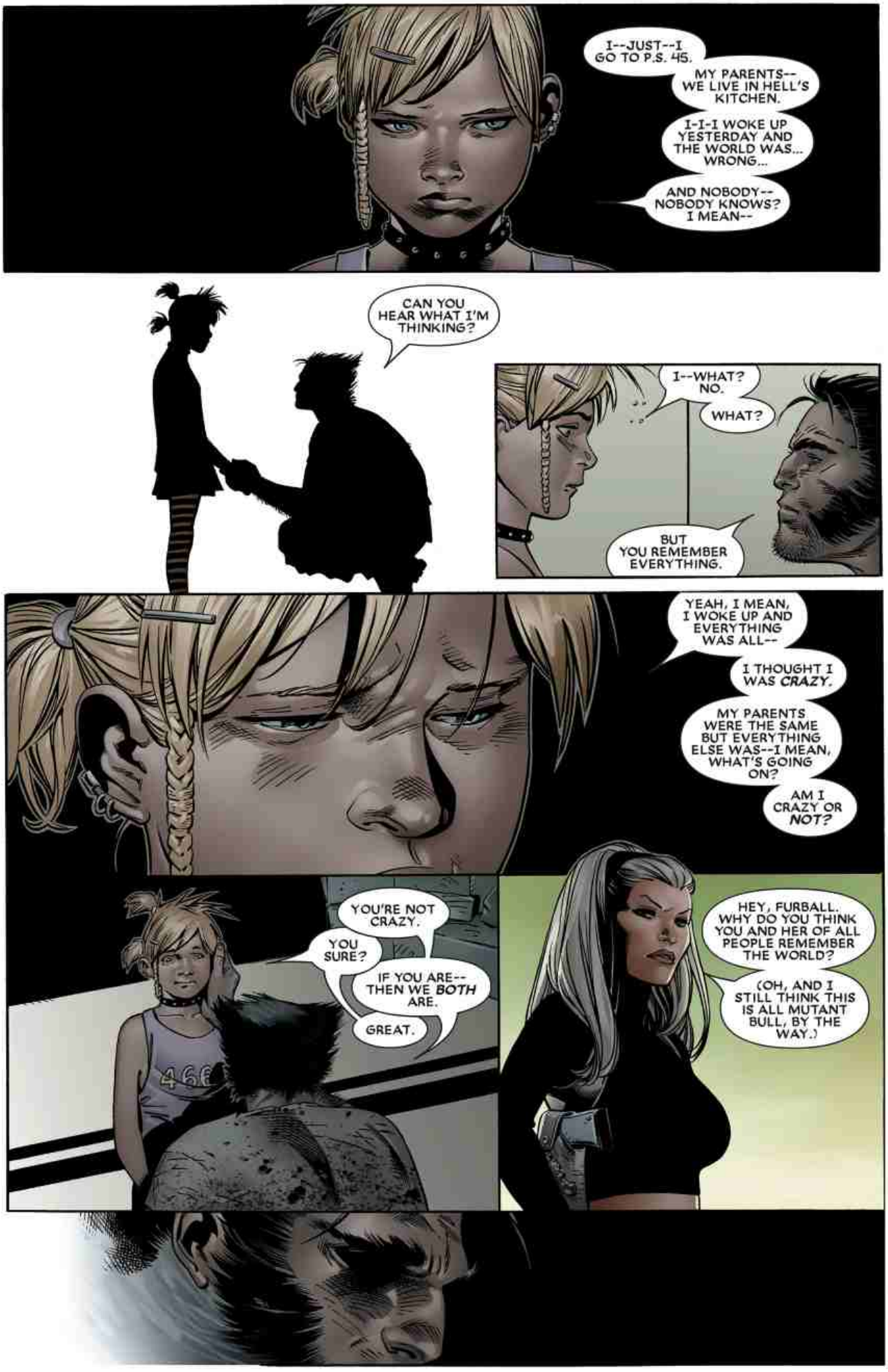

WE DIDN'T ALL MAKE IT.
I--I GRABBED AS MANY AS I COULD.
I WASN'T BLAMIN' YA, TY. YOU DID GOOD.
I'LL GO BACK.
NO.
ABE AND THE OTHERS *MIGHT* HAVE GOTTEN OUT.
YEAH, SURE.
MISTY. DAMN IT.
YOU NEED A MINUTE, LUKE?
MUTANT, YOU BETTER HAVE BEEN WORTH IT.
CAGE, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON HERE?
WHAT DO *YOU* THINK IS GOING ON HERE?
I THINK I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BELIEVE ME.
TRY ME.
D'YOU KNOW ME?
NOPE.
THEN WHY DID YOU PICK ME UP? WHY DID YOU COME GET ME?
WE HAVE SOME...INSIDE SOURCES ON THE HELICARRIER.
GOT WORD YOU WENT AWOL FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. YESTERDAY. HEARD IT WAS A SIGHT TO SEE.
THE RED GUARD'S STAR AGENT WOLVERINE JUMPED SHIP.
THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING TIMING CONSIDERING WHAT *I'VE* BEEN TOLD.
THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH HAVING A TALK WITH YOU. SO WE WAITED FOR YOU TO HIT THE GRID.
DIDN'T TAKE LONG.
YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT WE'RE BOTH AVENGERS?
WHAT'S AN AVENGER?


I'LL TELL YOU. I'LL SAY IT TO SAY IT, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT.
UP UNTIL TWO DAYS AGO, I WAS ONE OF THE X-MEN, AND I WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THESE NEW AVENGERS.
WHICH MEANS NOTHIN' TO YOU BECAUSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE *OLD* AVENGERS.
I LIVED IN A WORLD WHERE MUTANTS WERE A MINORITY, AND THE X-MEN WORKED TO BUILD A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE GROWING MUTANT POPULATION AND THE REGULAR PEOPLE...
...WHO NEVER SEEM TO RUN OUT OF REASONS TO BE TERRIFIED OF US.
CAN'T SAY IT WAS A LIFE I WAS *THRILLED* WITH, BUT WE WERE MAKING THE *MOST* OF IT.
I HAD A LOT OF CRAP HAPPEN TO ME. I HAD AN ANTI-MUTANT GOVERNMENT PROGRAM GIVE ME THESE...
SNIKT
...AGAINST MY WILL.
YIKES!
I'VE BEEN MIND-WIPED SO MANY TIMES THAT I ACTUALLY DON'T REMEMBER WHERE I CAME FROM OR HOW OLD I AM.
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT--THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I'VE POPPED MY CORK ALTOGETHER AND THIS IS IT.
(BUT AS LONG AS I'M HERE...)
ONE OF THE X-MEN'S BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD WAS ERIC MAGNUS.
MAGNETO. BECAUSE HE HAD MAGNET--
EVERYONE KNOWS WHO HE IS.
WELL, HE HAD A COUPLE OF KIDS.
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT TOO.
WANDA--
THE HUMAN ONE.
WHAT?
PIETRO, LORNA AND WANDA.
WANDA IS THE HUMAN ONE.
THE HELL DOES *THAT* MEAN?

IT'S IN THE TABLOIDS EVERY DAY.
YEAH, WELL, DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY WANDA MAXIMOFF WAS A MUTANT, CALLED HERSELF THE SCARLET WITCH.
ENDS UP SHE HAD MORE VOODOO "POWER" THAN MOST ANYONE EVER.
MORE THAN SHE COULD CONTROL. YOU KNOW WHAT SHE COULD DO?
NO.
THE MUTANT LEADER HAS A HUMAN CHILD.
RAISED HER EQUAL TO HIS OTHER CHILDREN.
IT'S QUITE INSPIRING TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE EVERYTHING THEY READ.
SHE COULD SCREW WITH THE WORLD AROUND HER.
A LITTLE HERE AND THERE.
HERE AND THERE!
KEEP GOIN'.
SHE LOST CONTROL OF HER MIND NOT TOO LONG AGO, AND SHE KILLED A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE.
SHE WAS AN AVENGER, AND--
LIKE ME.
NO, SHE WAS ONE OF THE OLD ONES.
SHE WAS THE REASON THE OLD ONES STOPPED BEING AVENGERS.
SHE WENT NUTS OR SOMETHIN', AND SHE ATTACKED HER OWN TEAM.
KILLED HALF OF 'EM.
TWO DAYS AGO, THE X-MEN AND THE AVENGERS GOT TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH HER--
--SHE WAS OUT OF CONTROL AND OUT OF HER MIND.
SHE MURDERED ALL THESE FAMOUS SUPER HEROES...
SO WE WENT OFF TO GENOSHA WHERE MAGNETO WAS KEEPING HER, AND WHEN WE DID... THE WORLD WENT WHITE, AND I WOKE UP TO THIS.
WHITE?
MAGNETO TURNED HIMSELF FROM EXILED MASS MURDERER TO KING OF THE WORLD.
THERE AIN'T NO X-MEN, THERE AIN'T NO AVENGERS.
MUTANTS RUN THE PLACE. A DAMN MUTANT UTOPIA.
YEAH. UPSIDE DOWN AND SIDEWAYS. ON EVERY LEVEL.
AND I GOT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE STICKIN' ARROWS IN MY NECK.
WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT WAS I BEFORE THE WORLD WENT WHITE?

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED.
GO TO HELL!
MORE THAN I ALREADY AM?
DEAD.
YOU'RE CLINT BARTON, HAWKEYE.
THE WITCH KILLED YA MONTHS AGO.
THIS IS SOME-- CAGE, THIS IS SOME WHACKED OUT MUTANT TRICK TO GET US TO--
WHAT KIND OF TRICK, FELICIA? THEY *HAD* US.
I GOT A KID COMING. THAT'S WHAT *I* SAW.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU AND JESSICA.
JESSICA WHO?
WAIT--YOU SAW?
IF YOU'RE LYIN' TO ME--
WAIT--WHAT DID YOU SEE?
AND WHAT ARE YOU? MOON KNIGHT, IRON FIST, RIGHT?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU ALL SUPPOSED TO BE?

WE *WERE* JUST TRYING TO KEEP THE BALANCE...FROM UNDERGROUND.
TRYING TO MAKE SURE SAPIENS GET SOME SORT OF FAIR SHAKE IN THE WORLD.
THAT SURE *SOUNDS* LIKE WHAT YOU WOULD DO.
AND YOU.
AND YOU TOO.
YOU KNOW ALL OF US?
YEAH, DANNY. THE IRON FIST. I *KNOW* YOU.
SO WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO PUT THE WORLD BACK THE WAY IT WAS?
YOU *BELIEVE* ME?
YEAH.
WHY?
SEE THAT GIRL?
YESTERDAY THAT GIRL WALKED UP TO ME OUT OF THE BLUE AND SAID EXACTLY WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
X-MEN, AVENGERS, HAWKEYE DIED...
SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT SHE KNEW IT HAPPENED.
IN DETAIL. EVERY SINGLE THING.
THEN I SAW IT MYSELF. MY KID COMING. MY GIRL. MY LIFE THAT ISN'T THIS. I COULD SEE IT IN MY MIND.
AS CLEAR AS ANYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN. OR SMELLED. OR ANYTHING.
WHO ARE YOU?
L-LAYLA.
LIKE THE SONG?
NO.
WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?


I--JUST--I GO TO P.S. 45.
MY PARENTS-- WE LIVE IN HELL'S KITCHEN.
I-I-I WOKE UP YESTERDAY AND THE WORLD WAS... WRONG...
AND NOBODY-- NOBODY KNOWS? I MEAN--
CAN YOU HEAR WHAT I'M THINKING?
I--WHAT? NO.
WHAT?
BUT YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING.
YEAH, I MEAN, I WOKE UP AND EVERYTHING WAS ALL--
I THOUGHT I WAS *CRAZY*.
MY PARENTS WERE THE SAME BUT EVERYTHING ELSE WAS--I MEAN, WHAT'S GOING ON?
AM I CRAZY OR *NOT?*
YOU'RE NOT CRAZY.
YOU SURE?
IF YOU ARE-- THEN WE *BOTH* ARE.
GREAT.
HEY, FURBALL. WHY DO YOU THINK YOU AND HER OF ALL PEOPLE REMEMBER THE WORLD?
(OH, AND I STILL THINK THIS IS ALL MUTANT BULL, BY THE WAY.)

LIKE I SAID--
--OVER THE YEARS I'VE BEEN MIND-WIPED SO MANY TIMES I DON'T REMEMBER WHO I AM BEFORE A CERTAIN TIME.
DON'T REMEMBER WHERE I CAME FROM--HOW OLD I AM--MY PARENTS.
BUT TWO DAYS AGO I WOKE UP AND I REMEMBERED EVERY SINGLE MOMENT OF MY ENTIRE LIFE.
UP TO AND INCLUDING TODAY.
IT'S ALL I--
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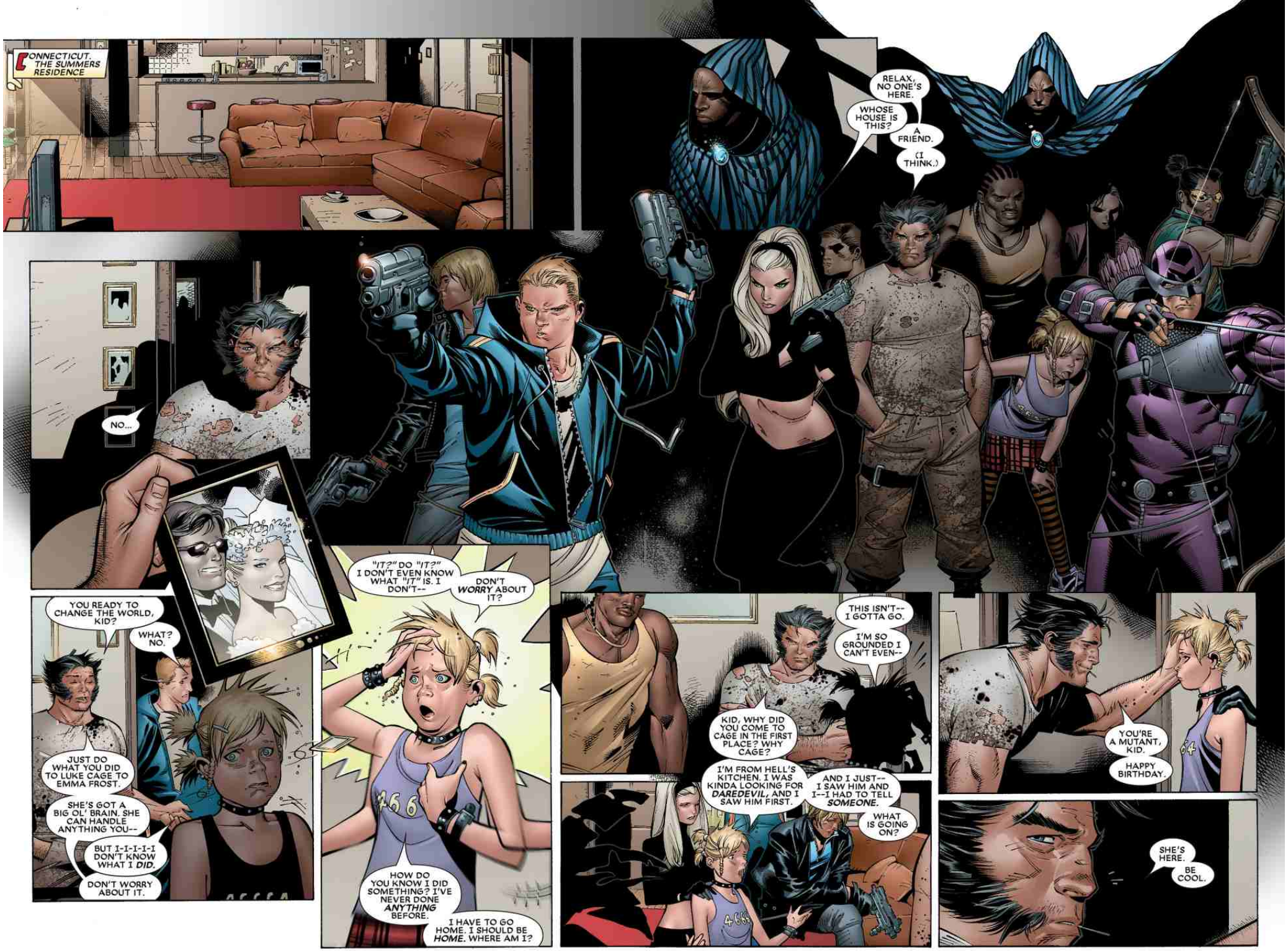
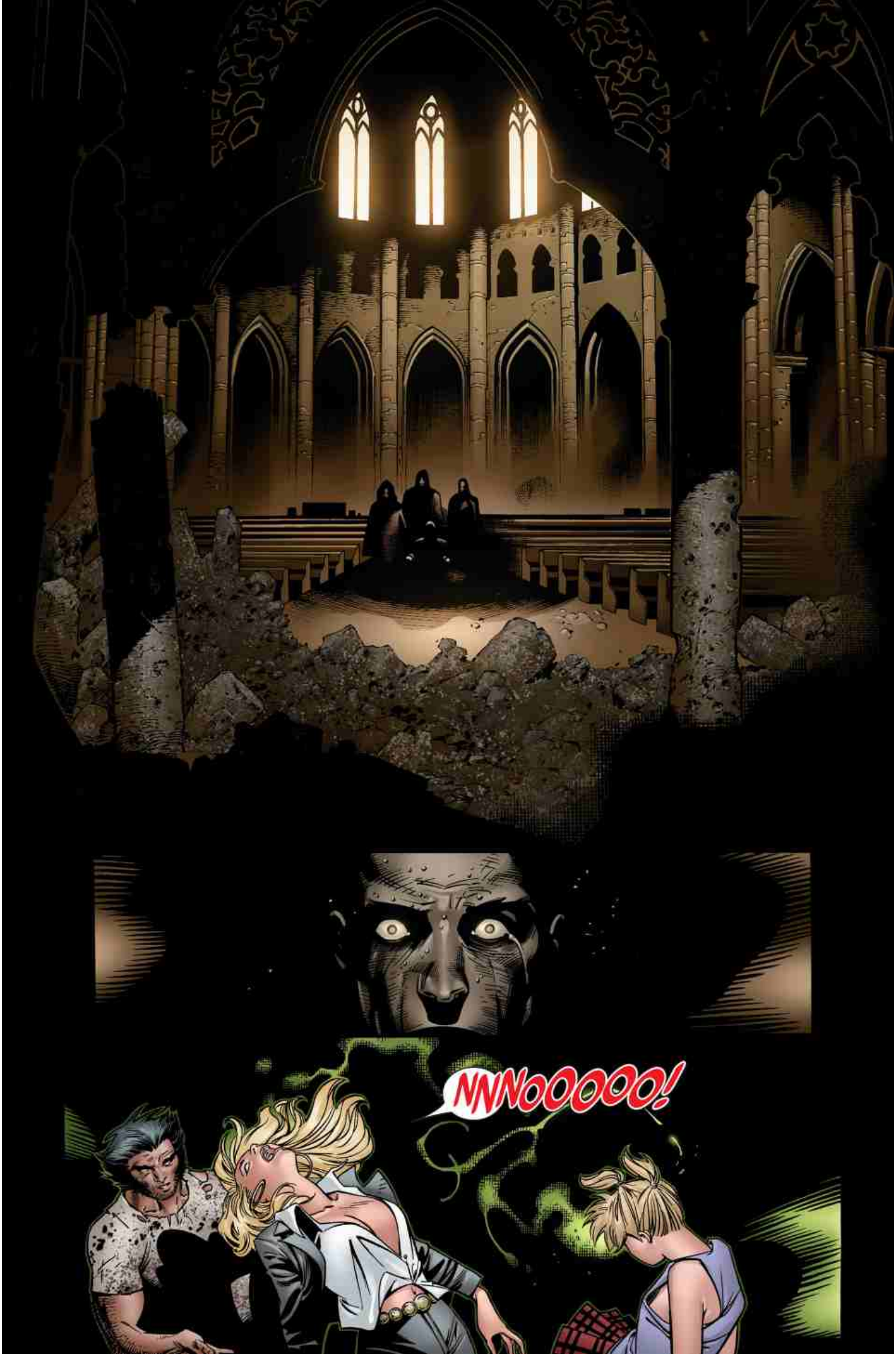
WHAT?
IT'S ALL I...EVER WANTED.
MAGNETO GOT HIS DAUGHTER TO GIVE US ALL WHAT WE ALWAYS WANTED...
...SO HE COULD HAVE WHAT *HE* ALWAYS WANTED.
HOW WOULD HE EVEN *KNOW* WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED?
CHARLIE...
IS THERE A PHONE BOOK IN HERE?


CONNECTICUT. THE SUMMERS RESIDENCE
RELAX, NO ONE'S HERE.
WHOSE HOUSE IS THIS?
A FRIEND. (I THINK.)
NO...
YOU READY TO CHANGE THE WORLD, KID?
WHAT? NO.
JUST DO WHAT YOU DID TO LUKE CAGE TO EMMA FROST.
SHE'S GOT A BIG OL' BRAIN. SHE CAN HANDLE ANYTHING YOU--
BUT I-I-I-I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
"IT?" DO "IT?" I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT "IT" IS. I DON'T--
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW I DID SOMETHING? I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING BEFORE.
I HAVE TO GO HOME. I SHOULD BE HOME. WHERE AM I?
THIS ISN'T-- I GOTTA GO.
I'M SO GROUNDED I CAN'T EVEN--
KID, WHY DID YOU COME TO CAGE IN THE FIRST PLACE? WHY CAGE?
I'M FROM HELL'S KITCHEN. I WAS KINDA LOOKING FOR DAREDEVIL, AND I SAW HIM FIRST.
AND I JUST-- I SAW HIM AND I--I HAD TO TELL SOMEONE.
WHAT IS GOING ON?
YOU'RE A MUTANT, KID.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
SHE'S HERE.
BE COOL.

HIYA, EMS.
YOU'RE ROBBING ME?!!
YEAH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO ANSWER.
THAT'S ME TELLING YOUR BRAIN TO DO WHAT I WANT. THAT'S WHAT I DO.
AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DO TO HUMANS THAT--
WAIT, WHAT? WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
WHAT DID YOU JUST THINK?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?
YOU'RE IN MY BRAIN, EMMA. TAKE A LOOK.
THE HELL IS THIS?
WHAT?!!
I--I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

CHARLES...


NNNoOOOO!

NO!!
YEAH.
LOGAN, ARE YOU #$%&ING ME WITH THIS?
STEADY.
KID'S OKAY. WHAT HAPPENED?
THIS IS EMMA FROST, LEADER OF THE X-MEN.
HOUSE OF MAGNUS!!
HOUSE OF MAGNUS??!!
LOGAN, WE'RE GONNA--WE'RE GOING TO FIND MAGNETO, AND, OH!
THAT IS IT!! THIS IS IT!!
WE'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!
AND HIS KIDS!
YEAH, I GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.
BUT--
PKLSSS
--WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE THAN JUST US.
AND EVEN IF WE DO...
...THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN THE WHOLE DAMN WORLD...
...AIN'T SCREWED FOR GOOD.
TO BE CONTINUED...

ZONE